



# INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Funding Streams Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

April 9, 2015

### MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

Charlie Geier

Beckie Minglin

Tammy Veselsky

Alonzo Weems

### ADVISORY MEMBERS

John Burnett

Connie Sherman

**Attendees:** Marissa Manlove, Cindy Hurst, Terry Green, Ted Maple, Amanda Lopez, Kyle Wehmann

#### Key Topics Discussed:

- Introduction of Ted Maple as new co-chair replacing James Betley.
- Terry brought up issues around child care assistance vouchers since it has been a big discussion in her area: The 6-month long waiting period; folks not being able to get the help they need; stoppage of funding with pay raises, etc. Reauthorization of CCDBG may address some of these!
- Terry's update from KY colleagues regarding HS: They have not looked specifically at child outcomes for programs that use blended funds vs. those who do not.
- Discussion of Evaluation workgroup initiative to understand Indiana HS outcomes—potentially will change the negative HS conversations in IN!
- Reviewed and discussed Krista Rivera's comments to Funding Memo, uploaded to Wiggio.
  - Ted expressed concern with including the full amounts for SSBG and TANF in the memo because it appears that all of the money is used for early learning—footnotes are not always read. He suggested a category called “potential other funding sources, not included in totals” if we cannot get the specific ECE allotment.
  - Krista highlighted the issue of not mentioning when state matches are made to the federal funding sources
  - Must be careful to avoid double-counting state match dollars
  - IACCRR is getting numbers for the Private Funding section
  - Krista requested Indiana-specific information to be included in all of the federal source definitions
- We need to be clear about what we do not know in the executive summary.
  - A lot of the memo contains “estimates” and they should be viewed in that light; this document is a baseline, not an absolute.
- The Memo currently looks like 2 appendices: 1 chart and 1 narrative section of definitions; thus the executive summary would actually be the Memo
- Change “Memo” to “Overview”; should be about 2 pages
- Discussed stakeholder distribution list: Will add ELAC Guiding Team, IACCRR, and IAEOYC to stakeholder list; plus other individuals
- Marissa suggested circulating the Memo to a stakeholder representative of providers.



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- In May, we will review the final Memo and executive summary.

## Key Questions Raised:

1. Are we waiting to share Memo with stakeholders until it is final and all #s are filled in? Yes. We can at least wait until session is over in May.
2. If funding amounts are from different years in the Memo chart, does that make a huge difference? Do we need to standardize the year? Ted says no, as long as its clear what year is being discussed.
3. Change to “Analysis of Existing Early Learning Funding Sources” as title of Memo?
4. Add section at end of Memo for recommendations?
5. IAEYC did an “Overview” of early childhood funding many years ago and got a law firm to put their “stamp of approval” on it, thoughts on this?
6. Who will send the official request for stakeholders to review the Memo?
7. Has EEMG been taken out of the state budget? If so, should we take it out of Memo?

## Action Steps:

1. Kyle will follow up with Melanie or Rhonda about coming in June/July to talk to workgroup about CCDBG reauthorization.
2. Kyle will send an email to confirm that 10 am is a good time for the group because meeting turnout was weak.
3. Kyle will follow up with Cindy Hurst to see if she would give an update of what is going on at IDOE in terms of funding sources and how they are making improvements to data reporting.
4. Marissa will follow up with ARC of Indiana to clarify SSBG funding.
5. Amanda will take the lead on making final edits to the Memo.
6. Andrew will review and update the stakeholder list after Kyle updates/reformats it with notes from this meeting.
7. Kyle will follow up with Jo on Bright Horizons effectiveness/efficiency measures.

## Next Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2015, 10 am – 12 pm

**Location:** Day Nursery, 615 Alabama Street #300, Indianapolis, IN

**Conference Call:** Dial in #: 866-528-2256, **Code:** 4758999

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